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**RESPONSE TO QUAYLE ACTION**

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Sir:

A Quayle Action in the above-identified patent application issued on April 17, 2006 requiring cancellation of withdrawn claims. Applicant respectfully submits that withdrawn claims 5, 11, 12, and 17-20 should be reentered in the patent application as each of them has as its base independent claims a claim that has been allowed as illustrated in the table below (37 CFR 1.141(a)):

Withdrawn Claim	Base Independent Claim
5	1 (through 3)
11	6 (through 9)
12	6
17	6 (through 9)
18	6 (through 9)
19	6 (through 9)
20	6

Claims 1 and 6 are respectfully submitted as being linking claims, thus allowing

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for the withdrawn claims to not be cancelled and included in any patent that will issue from this patent application.

Additionally, in the October 12, 2000 Response to Second Election Requirement, Applicant elected species 1 as embodied in Figure 4. Applicant also stated in that response that claims 1-3, 6-9, and 13-16 should be considered as generic with respect to the embodiment illustrated in Figures 4(a)-9(j).

In view of the above comments, it courteously is urged that all the pending claims should be allowed. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution could be advanced through a telephone conversation, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned. Favorable action in this regard earnestly is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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